

Gang Starr Lyrics

"Itz A Set Up"

(feat. Hannibal)

[scratched by DJ Premier] "We got news for ya"

[Chorus: Guru and Hannibal]

[Guru] While they devise our demise, we grow wise

[Hann] Upset the set up, the element of surprise

[both] IT'Z A SET UP

[Guru] It's time to upset the set up

[Verse 1: Guru]

Though they conspire, fake us to make us retire

With the burning desire we make it out of the crossfire

Thoughts are higher, elevating and focused

while the path is narrow, for those like us

Primo beats provoke us to meditate like Zen

With the will and the strength, of a million men

While they introspect, where nothing is met

It's been that way for a while so much has come and then went

But I'm confident, a few, are due to redeem

their respective kingdoms, with an abundance of cream

So if I were to scheme, it would be on a realer dream

Like formin effective teams to filter the smokescreens

You totin in jeans, don't even know the true envy

The man I'm pickin apart, and plus they both were friends to me

Past trivial pursuits like East and West coast feuds

Come against me on the mic, many and most will lose

Like most dudes, I love this hip-hop, and this rap stuff

But I don't like the shows, where the ignorant act up

While some'll be rippin it, they be in the crowd wildin

Flippin on kids, for the chains and medallions

Or the kid they don't like, from a beef from way back

And decide that's the night, perfect time for payback

It's wack for the group, plus the others who came

to see a fat ass show, instead there's bullets aflame

[Chorus]

[Verse 2: Hannibal]

Still waters run deep this is leagues in depth

Quiet as kept they slept we crept

Society puts the squeeze on MC's like iron grips of death

From here on in peace and blessings long cherish your breath

Gifted and Rhyme U now how we do, stay true

Follow through lay down the law, cause it's probable and overdue

All systems overdue, my guns know me

I only hold a few my nigga for only a few hold me

Never forget the ones before me, my momma told me
sacrifice for the ones behind me leadin the seeds
Blind leads, black on black, crime to me
Inclined to refine my creed I eat thinkin lead
Conceive to make the beast bleed, enhance thoughts
like tossed trees 'cross the Earth three-fourths
Let my offspring feed all three, corpus delectis cost me
Lost and found on enemy ground, quoted although
they don't know how we get down at sound speed we breed
Mo more confined to blind greed and self destructive deeds
Heed my freedom war cry, of course I'm N.Y.
Hug my peeps that died, the loved ones alive
Reinforce and fly high as I lie so shall I
from New I to Cali next plateau U.N.I.versal
Unleash the black rain
Show em who in control, electro-magnetic
pull on the hole, ill as toters bang out
Til we sittin on swole the strongest way to grow
The only way I know, Underground Railroad on track
No physical or mental chain can shackle that

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